GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted by ACB over Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District on 20-08-2018 – Allegation of corruption - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.542 Dated:13-07-2022
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.526, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:13-07-2022.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District is directed to submit his written statement of his defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District (Enclosed Annexures I to IV) through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PULIMETLA SRINIVASA RAO, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, MACHILIPATNAM, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao,S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54 Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District (here-in-after referred as the Govt. Servant) while functioning as such on 20.08.2018 in between 16.30 hrs to 20.00 hrs committed grave Misconduct in as much as:

Article of Charge - I

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54 Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District along with other staff and Sri Bheesetty Subrahmanyam, Sub Registrar-II, Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam were insisting the Document writers to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly, the bribe amount was being collected by document writers and the same was being handed over to the Sub Registrar or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions.

Article of Charge - 2

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54 Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District along with other staff and Sri Bheesetty Subrahmanyam, Sub Registrar-II, Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam could not account for and they were kept silent when the Inspector asked for the total unaccounted amount of Rs.1,96,650-00 i.e. an the unaccounted cash of Rs. 1,86,650/- found in the possession of the document writers and the unaccounted cash of Rs. 10,000/- found in the northern side glass chamber of the first entrance door of the office on the day of surprise check.

Article of Charge - 3

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District along with other staff and Sri Bheesetty Subrahmanyam, Sub Registrar-II, Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam have allowed document writers and three private employees viz. Sri Sonti Anil Kumar, Smt. Medapati Mariya Kumari and Smt. Kallepalli Vijaya Durga into the premises of office of the SRO, Machilipatnam un-authorisedly.

Article of Charge - 4

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, has failed to declared his cash in the Personal Cash Register as she is Jr. Asst. in the office of the SRO, Machilipatnam.

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the state Government and thereby violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PULIMETLA SRINIVASA RAO, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, MACHILIPATNAM, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District. His date of birth is 06.08.1964. He entered into Government service on 03.08.1996 as Office Subordinate and he got promotion as Jr. Asst. He worked as Jr. Assistant, SRO, Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District. The ACB, Vijayawada Range conducted Surprise Check i.e. on 20.08.2018 and found irregularities. His Basic pay is Rs. 26,600/-. He is due for retirement on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2024. He is here-in-after referred as Government Servant.

Article of Charge - I

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54 Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District along with other staff and Sri Bheesetty Subrahmanyam, Sub Registrar-II, Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam were insisting the Document writers to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly, the bribe amount was being collected by document writers and the same was being handed over to the Sub Registrar or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On receipt of credible information that the Joint Sub Registrar of Registrar's Office, Stamps & Registration, Machilipatnam, Krishna District and their staff are indulging in corrupt practices and collecting bribe from the parties/claimants who are coming to the Registrar Office for registration of their properties, Agreements, Chits, Marriages, Firms, Societies and issuing of Encumbrance Certificates, a surprise check was conducted on the said Joint Sub-Registrar Office on 20-08-2018 at 16.30 hrs in the presence of mediators. During the Surprise Check, certain irregularities were found and seized an unaccountable amount of Rs.1,86,650/- from the Document Writers (who were acting as a henchmen for collecting bribes) in the presence of Mediators under the cover of search proceedings.

Document writers found in the main hall of the Sub-Register office:

1) Sri Vutukuri Srinivasa Rao, S/o Jyothiswara Rao, 29 years, Document Writer, R/o D.No. 8/99-3-1, Pedana, Krishna District

2) Sri Chinnapurapu Hari S/o Prasadamurthi, 40 years, Document writer R/o D.No. 19/96-A, Kothapeta, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam.

3) Sri Meka Venkata Srinivas S/o JaganMohanaRao, 49 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.15/275-2, Machavaram, Machilipatnam.

4) Sri Nulu Satyanarayana S/o Venkateswararao, 48 years, Document Writer R/o 4/917-2, Rajupeta, Machilipatnam.

5) Sri Mallapragada Yugasaradhi S/o Venkateswararao, 33 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.14/26, Edepalli, Machilipatnam.

6) Sri Nunna Prasad S/o Gopalakrishna Murthuy, 44 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.22/80, Bachupeta, Machilipatnam.

7) Sri Ventrapragada Shanmukha Prasad S/o LingaRajusarma, 48 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.19/699-4, Opp. CWC Godwons, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam.

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8) Sri Ummadasetti Veera Vara Prasad S/o Raghavarao, 64 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.19/428-35, SarkarThota, Behind Venkateswara Alayam, Machilipatnam.

9) Sri Ventrapragada Venugopala Rao, S/o Linga Raju sarma, 45yrs, Document Writer R/o D.No.19/704, Opp. CWC Godwons, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam.

10) Sri Nulu Rambabu, S/o Venkateswararao, 45 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.4/343, Rajupeta Opp. Ramalayam, Machilipatnam.

11) Sri Ventrapragada Nameswararao S/o Lingaraju Sarma, 54 yars, Document writer, D.No.21/226-3B, Bachuypeta, Machilipatnam.

12) Sri Vadapalli Balaji Suvarna Kumar, S/o Ranganath, 46 yrs, Document writer/Advocate R/o D.No.29-427-2, Enugudurupeta, Machilipatnam.

Then the Inspector-3 got checked the Document Writers with Mediators assistance and on physical search the following un accounted amounts are found in the possession of document writers and the details are as follows.

S.No.	Name of the Document writers	Physically Cash found
1	Sri Vutukuri Srinivasa Rao, S/o Jyothiswara Rao	5,000-00
2	Sri Chinnapurapu Hari S/o Prasadamurthi	1,350-00
3	Sri Meka Venkata Srinivas S/o Jagan Mohana Rao,	10,510-00
4	Sri Nulu Satyanarayana S/o Venkateswararao	570-00
5	Sri MallapragadaYugasaradhi S/o Venkateswararao	2,480-00
6	Sri Nunna Prasad S/o Gopalakrishna Murthuy	5,000/-
7	Sri Ventrapragada Shanmukha Prasad S/o Linga Rajusarma	---
8	Sri Ummadasetti Veera Vara Prasad S/o Raghavarao	5,030-00
9	Sri Ventrapragada Venugopala Rao, S/o Linga Rajusarma	1,25,000-00
10	Sri Nulu Rambabu, S/o Venkateswararao,	10,600-00
11	Sri Ventrapragada Nameswararao S/o Lingaraju Sarma,	11,110-00
12	Sri Vadapalli Balaji Suvarna Kumar, S/o Ranganath	10,000-00
	Total	**Rs.1,86,650-00**

During examination, all these document writers confessed before the mediators that the Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff were insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly, the bribe amount was being collected by them and the same was being handed over to the Sub Registrar or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions.

Document Writer:

1) **Sri Vutukuri Srinivasa Rao** :On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents who approaches him regarding transfer of properties and agreements, E.C and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.5,000/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry

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2) **Sri Chinnapurapu Hari** :On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements, E.C and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 17-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.1,350/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry

3) **Sri Meka Venkata Srinivas**: On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements, E.C. and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 13-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.10,510/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry

4) **Sri Nulu Satyanarayana**: On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements, E.C and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 17-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.570/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry

5) **Sri Mallapragada Yugasaradhi**: On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.2,480/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry

6) **Sri Nunna Prasad:** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he

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came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.5,000/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

7) **Sri Ventrapragada Shanmukha Prasad:** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to meet some known parties and mean while the ACB officials entered in to the Sub-Register office and surrounded the office staff as well as document writer. He also stated that no amount was found with him.

8) **Sri Ummadasetti Veera Vara Prasad :**On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.5,030/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

9) **Sri Ventrapragada Venugopala Rao:** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 13-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.1,25,000/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

10) **Sri Nulu Rambabu:** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.10,600/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

11) **Sri Ventrapragada Nameswararao:** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets

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registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.11,110/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry

12) **Sri Vadapalli Balaji Suvarna Kumar:** On examination he stated that he is working as Document Writer and he prepares documents to the public who approach him regarding transfer of properties and agreements and etc. He gets registered 1 or 2 documents per week at Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam. The Sub-Registrar, Machlipatnam and their staff are insisting to collect excess amount as bribe from the claimants on the document value for registration and accordingly the amount is being collected by him and the same is handed over to Sub Registrars or to their staff on their instructions after completion of all transactions. Today i.e., on 20-08-2018 he came to Registrar Office to pay the bribe amounts to the Sub Registrar which was collected from 16-08-2018 to till date. Further at the request of the Inspector-3, he produced Rs.10,000/- and the Inspector-3 seized the same for the purpose of further enquiry.

Article of Charge - 2

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54 Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District along with other staff and Sri Bheesetty Subrahmanyam, Sub Registrar-II, Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam could not account for and they were kept silent when the Inspector asked for the total unaccounted amount of Rs.1,96,650-00 i.e. an the unaccounted cash of Rs. 1,86,650/- found in the possession of the document writers and the unaccounted cash of Rs. 10,000/- found in the northern side glass chamber of the first entrance door of the office on the day of surprise check.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE

When the Inspector-3 got checked the Document Writers with our assistance and on physical search the following un accounted amounts are found in the possession of document writers and the details are as follows.

S.No.	Name of the Document writers	Physically Cash found
1	Vutukuri Srinivasa Rao, S/o Jyothiswara Rao	5,000-00
2	Chinnapurapu Hari S/o Prasada Murthi	1,350-00
3	Meka Venkata Srinivas S/o Jagan Mohana Rao,	10,510-00
4	Nulu Satyanarayana S/o Venkateswararao	570-00
5	Mallapragada Yugasaradhi S/o Venkateswararao	2,480-00
6	Nunna Prasad S/o Gopalakrishna Murthuy	5,000/-
7	Ventrapragada Shanmukha Prasad S/o Linga Raju Sarma	---
8	Ummadasetti Veera Vara Prasad S/o Raghava Rao	5,030-00
9	Ventrapragada Venugopala Rao, S/o Linga Raju Sarma	1,25,000-00
10	Nulu Rambabu, S/o Venkateswararao,	10,600-00
11	Ventrapragada Nameswararao S/o Lingaraju Sarma,	11,110-00
12	Vadapalli Balaji Suvarna Kumar, S/o Ranganath	10,000-00
	Total	**Rs.1,86,650-00**

Then every nook and corner of the entire office is searched and some wads of currency notes were found in pell-mell stage in northern side glass chamber of the first entrance door of the office and at the request of the Inspector-3 we collected all currency notes and on counting it amounting to Rs.10,000/-

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When the Inspector-3 asked the Joint Sub-Registrar-2 and staff about the presence of amount of Rs.10,000/- in the northern side glass chamber of the first entrance door and they could not account for the same and kept silent. Then the Inspector-3 seized the above amount for taking further action.

As per Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94 Dt: 30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad,it was instructed that in all cases of surprise checks where unaccounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office or with any unauthorized person in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties. Therefore the onus of disproving the same will be on SO-1 to SO-7. Hence, the unaccounted cash of Rs. 1,86,650/- found in the possession of the document writers and the unaccounted cash of Rs. 10,000/- found in the northern side glass chamber of the first entrance door of the office on the day of surprise check must be presumed to be the cash collected as bribe/illegal amount from the parties who came to the SRO for registration and that was intended for the Jt. Sub Registrar and his staff (SOs 1 to 7).

Article of Charge - 3

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age: 54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District along with other staff and Sri Bheesetty Subrahmanyam, Sub Registrar-II, Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam have allowed document writers and three private employees viz. Sri Sonti Anil Kumar, Smt. Medapati MariyaKumari and Smt. Kallepalli Vijaya Durga into the premises of office of the SRO, Machilipatnam un-authorisedly.

Private Employees:-

1) Sri Sonti Anil Kumar (Technical Engineer, TCS Company): On examination, he stated that he is working as private employee in the sub registrar office, machilipatnam and he is being paid Rs.11,500/-. Today ., on 20-08-2018 morning, he received a phone call from regarding technical problem scanner. On that, he came to the office and while he is repairing scanner some people rushed into the office and searched the office besides documents writers. During searches of the ACB officials, some un accounted amount was found in a waste box which was situated in between Smt N sunitha and srinu and etc facts.

2) Smt Medapati Mariya kumari (Private worker): On examination she stated that she is working as private worker in the Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, for 15 years and she was being paid an amount of Rs.200/- per day. She files the market value documents. Sri PolimetlaSrinivasarao pays wages to her and now and then the document writers also give some amounts to her and etc. facts.

3) Smt. Kallepalli Vijaya Durga, : - (Private worker): On examination she stated that she is working as private worker in the Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, for 10 years and she was being paid an amount of Rs.200/- per day. She writes down the endorsements and notes on documents. Sri Polimetla Srinivasarao pays wages to her and now and then the document writers also give some amounts to her and etc. facts.

When the Joint Sub-Registrar was questioned about the presence of private employees in his office, he confessed that the said 3 private persons (1 male and 2 women who were working in the record room situated on the northern side of the 3rd entrance door) were being allowed by him to tackle the official work over load. They were paid by him from the money earned from the customers. When the Inspector asked the Joint Sub-Registrar-2 if he had obtained any appointment order from the competent authority regarding the appointment of the above said 3 individuals, the Joint Sub-Registrar-2 remained silent. In this regard, the Joint Sub-

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Registrar contravened orders issued by the Circular No.24 dt. 28.10.1998 of Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, the instructions issued in Circular Memo.No.X1/3945/2007 dated 02-05-2007and the instructions issued in Circular Memo No.CARD2/5979/2013 Dt. 18.04.2013.

On the day of surprise check, twelve (12) document writers were found inside the SRO, Machilipatnam. When the Inspector-3 asked the Sub-Registrar about the amounts found with the documents writers, he could not account for the same and he remained silent. Thus it is proved that the Joint SR and the SRO office staff (SOs 1 to 7) have allowed document writers into the SRO, Machilipatnam in violation of the instructions given vide G.O.Ms.No.108 of Revenue (Registration-I) Dept. dt.21-02-2000..

The Government and the competent authorities through different G.Os and Circular Memos have clearly stated that the employment of private persons without authorization is not permissible. It was clearly enunciated in Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4 dt.17-4-2001 of Govt. of AP, General Administration Dept (Spl. B) that "No Manual or any Procedure has prescribed to engage a private person to perform certain official duties during the course of departmental activity". But during the surprise check, three private employees viz. Sri Sonti Anil Kumar, Smt. Medapati Mariya Kumari and Smt. Kallepalli Vijaya Durga in the SRO.

Article of Charge - 4

That Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, has failed to declared her cash in the Personal Cash Register as she is Jr. Asst. in the office of the SRO, Machilipatnam.

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Then the Inspector-3 verified the Personal Cash Register and cross verified the physical cash found with them. S.NO. Name and Designation Cash declared in the register Physical cash found Excess amount.

1)	B.Sivaram Jr.Asst	400/-	400/-	---
2)	B. Subramanyam JSRO	420/-	420/-	---
3)	Sri V.S. Prakash O/s	200/-	200/-	--
4)	Sri G. Rambabu, Sr. Asst	480/-	480/-	---
5)	Md.Hussain Gori, Sr. Asst	25/-	25/-	--

Except the above 5 officials, the remaining staff Sri P. Srinivasa and Smt N. Suneetha have not declared the personal cash in the Personal Cash Register. When the Inspector-3 got verified the personal cash of the above five individual with the Personal Cash Register no variation are noticed in the personnel cash. Since no excess cash was found in the possession of the above individuals, the Inspector-3 has returned the amount to them in the Mediators presence. The Inspector-3 seized the original Personal Cash Register in the Mediators presence for the purpose of further action.

Smt. N.Sunitha, Junior Assistant and Sri P.Srinivasa Rao Jr. Assistant, have failed to declare the personal cash in the personal cash register, , thus violating Rule 9(8)(B) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestige of the state Government and thereby violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

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The Government Servant Sri Pulimetla Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Laksmaiah, Age:54Yrs, Occ: Junior Assistant, O/o Sub Registrar Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI PULIMETLA SRINIVASA RAO, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, MACHILIPATNAM, KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:-

1) Copy of Surprise Check proceedings dt.20.08.2018 from 16.30 hrs to 20.00 hrs drafted in SRO, Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District., vide No.5/SC/ACB-VJA/2018 of ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada dated.20.08.2018.

2) Copy of Attendance Register of the Office of the SRO, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.

3) Copy of Memo No.101/SPL.B/2000-4, dated:17.04.2001 of the General Administration (Special – 8) Department.

4) Copy of Circular Memo No.X2.10708/1994 issued by the office of the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, AP, Hyderabad, Dt.30.12.1997.

5) Copy of Memo No.XI/3945/2007 dated:02.05.2007 and the instructions issued in Circular memo No.CARD2/5979/2013 Dt.18.04.2013.

6) Any other Document to be filed at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI PULIMETLA SRINIVASA RAO, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, O/o SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, MACHILIPATNAM, KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

ORAL EVIDENCE

The following Oral Evidence is available on record.

1) Sri Vutukuri Srinivasa Rao, S/o Jyothiswara Rao, 29 years, Document Writer, R/o D.No. 8/99-3-1, Pedana, Krishna District.

2) Sri Chinnapurapu Hari S/o Prasadamurthi, 40 years, Document Writer R/o D.No. 19/96-A, Kothapeta, Chilakalapudi Machilipatnam.

3) Sri Meka Venkata Srinivas S/o Jagan Mohana Rao, 49 years, Document Writer R/o D.No. 15/275-2, Machavaram, Machilipatnam

4) Sri Nulu Satyanarayana S/o Venkateswararao, 48 years, Document Writer R/o 4/917-2, Rajupeta, Machilipatnam.

5) Sri Mallapragada Yugasaradhi S/o Venkateswara Rao, 33 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.14/26, Edepalli, Machilipatnam.

6) Sri Nunna Prasad S/o Gopalakrishna Murthy, 44 years, Document Writer R/o D.No. 22/80, Bachupeta, Machilipatanam.

7) Sri Ventrapragada Shanmukha Prasad S/o Linga Raju Sarma, 48 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.19/699-4, Opp. CWC Godwons, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam.

8) Sri Ummadasetti Veera Vara Prasad S/o Raghavarao, 64 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.19/428-35, Sarkar Thota, Behind Venkateswara Alayam, Machilipatnam.

9) Sri Ventrapragada Venugopala Rao, S/o Linga Raju sarma, 45yrs, Document Writer R/o D.No.19/704, Opp. CWC Godwons, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam.

10) Sri Nulu Rambabu, S/o Venkateswararao, 45 years, Document Writer R/o D.No.4/343, Rajupeta Opp. Ramalayam, Machilipatnam.

11) Sri Ventrapragada Nameswararao S/o Lingaraju Sarma, 54 years, Document writer, D.No.21/226-3B, Bachuypeta, Machilipatnam.

12) Sri Vadapalli Balaji Suvarna Kumar, S/o Ranganath, 46 yrs, Document writer / Advocate R/o D.No.29-427-2, Enugudurupeta, Machilipatnam.

13) Smt Medapati Mariya Kumari W/o Veeraraghavulu, Age:50Yrs, Occ: Private worker R/o Valandapalem, Machilipatnam, Krishna Dist.

14) Smt. Kallepalli Vijaya Durga W/o late Sivaram Prasad, Age:49Yrs, Occ: Private worker,R/o D.No.20-145/B, Srikrishna Nagar, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam, Krishna Dist

15) Sri Chilakalapudi Prabhakara Rao, S/o Nageswararao, 50 years, R/o D.No.30/715, Occ: Church Pastor, Vullingapalem, Machilipatnam.

16) Smt. Kagita Lakshmi Seeta Ravamma W/o Kanakarao, 35 years, Occ: Agriculture work, D.No.15/337-2, Machavarammettu, Machilipatnam.

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17) Sri Potana Ranga Rao, S/o Panduranga Rao, 50 years, D/No. 1-161, Occ: Opp: Agriculture work, MDO Office, Guduru, Guduru Mandal.

18) Smt. Akula Swarna Lakshmi W/o Subbarao, 45 years, D.No. 41-12-3, Occ: House wife, Opp. Old Fire Station, Gundukotaiah Street, Krishna Lanka, Vijayawada

19) Sri Chilamakurthi Anil Kumar, S/o Nehuru, 36 years, Occ: Supervisor in Sahasthra Constructions ,D.No,. 19-228-1, Panduranga Swamy temple street, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam.

20) Smt. Koppineni Lakshmi W/o late JanardhanaRao, 58 years, Occ: Rtd. Head constable, Opp.Ata School, Gandhinagar, Nuzvid, Krishna District.

21) Sri. G. Ramesh Babu, Inspector-III, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.

22) Sri. K. Happy Krupa Vandanam, Inspector-I, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.

He speaks to his participation in the Surprise Check at SRO, Office, Machilipatnam and during the course of his further enquiry and filing of DACs and etc., facts.

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